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### MASSES

Sunday Obligation: Saturday evening: 4:30 p.m. for Sunday

**Sunday**: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.

Weekdays: Monday thru Friday 6:30 a.m.

Tuesday thru Thursday 5:30 p.m.

8:00 a.m. Saturday

8:35 a.m. Wednesday during school year **Holy Day Obligation:** Anticipated 5:30 p.m.

**Holy Day** 6:30 and 5:30 p.m.

### **EXPOSITION AND RECONCILIATION**

4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. AND 3:00-4:00 p.m. Saturday, or call the Parish Office for an Appointment.

# First Sunday of Advent

**NOVEMBER 27, 2022** 

Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 3:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44

During this year, our Gospel will usually be taken from Matthew. Today our Scripture readings are: Isaiah 2: 1-5; Romans 13:11-14; and Matthew 24:37-44.

Isaiah hoped for justice, joy, and peace. He longed for the day when mankind would make plows out of their swords, and vine-trimmers out of their spears. He longed for the day when all people would be united in respect for each other and in the love of the Lord. But Isaiah did not see that day; neither have we.

St. Paul, in the second reading, says that our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The time of justice, joy, and peace is nearer. Perfect justice and peace must await the Second (Glorious) Coming of the Lord. Meanwhile, however, it is "closer," because we become a holier people, a more loving people, a people who seek to radiate hope for justice and peace.

The Gospel selection is very similar to that of two Sundays ago. It speaks of the sudden coming of the Day of the Lord. This glorious Second Coming of Christ is often called the "Parousia" (pah-roo-SEE-uh.)

We don't know when the Lord will come; but we must always be prepared. We prepare by living each day as best we can. Each day, we try to become the person God wants us to be. Each day we try to spread the light of the Lord by our lives.

Let us be an Advent people, a people of hope and joy. We must live in an imperfect world, but we must seek to make it perfect. We do this by showing what Christ means in our lives.

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## 35TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Happy New Year! Well, liturgical new year. As we begin Advent (wow that snuck up on me), we start anew in the wake-up call reminder to stay alert and awake and ready. We start our climb to the Lord's Mountain with Isaiah and peer into heaven and see the house of the Lord/the new Jerusalem/the new Zion! Here we see an end to violence and a new beginning in eternal peace. This is what we await for the coming of the Messiah. But we must make ourselves ready. This beginning is a new beginning for all. No matter what we have done. No matter how long we have been away from Him and away from the Mass, we can always begin anew. We can re-enter into that light of the Lord. Paul warns us to wake up, that our salvation is near! In the Mass there is no nearer place to our salvation than the foretaste of it in the Eucharist. He tells us the light cast out the darkness and that we must live always in the light, even when we are not seen by others. He tells us to "conduct ourselves properly as in the day." Not living in sin but living for the light that conquers the darkness of our sin. That light is the Christ, and we are awaiting His coming in Advent and at the end of time. This loop of the end of the church year and the beginning flow so perfectly together as the waiting for the coming of the Lord is at Christmas, but also the second coming of Christ. In both we must prepare the way of the Lord and be ready! Be awake!

The Gospel then spells out the story of those who are ready and those who are not. This passage is used so incorrectly to spell out the "rapture." Let me make this clear, the rapture is not nor has it ever been a teaching of the Church. The Catholic Church does not, nor has it ever believed or taught or even heard of the rapture. Christians in the early church NEVER taught about the rapture, in fact this was an invention of the 1700s or so. Christians didn't ever teach this as part of scripture until recently because it is an incorrect reading of this passage. The correct reading of this passage is exactly as in the days of Noah. This is important. In that time many were warned, and no one listened. What is the flood of Noah foreshadowing? It is death and the conquering of sin and the pre-figurement of baptism. This passage is about baptism and death. At any moment we can be going about our lives and death will come for us. The question of this passage is, are you prepared? Are you baptized? Are you living for the Lord? Because at any moment you may see God face-to-face and are you ready? If you are not, this passage is a warning...BE READY! STAY AWAKE! Death comes like a thief in the night, and we must be ready. Remember last week I said we must be ready to see Him face-to-face. You must then heed this warning and prepare yourself for the coming of the Son of Man, at His birth (nativity), but also in the second coming. When Jesus warns us so bluntly in the Gospel as He did today, we must pay attention and respond to His light.

As we enter into this Advent season and make ourselves ready, there are many good practices we can bring into our homes and families. One is the Advent wreath and saying a prayer and lighting it every Sunday together in our home. There's the Jesse tree and adding the figures and learning the stories of the Old Testament to point to the Messiah. The Advent calendar of counting down the days to get ready for His coming is another. Keeping the Holy Day of obligation for the Immaculate Conception. The las Mañanitas to celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Las Posadas, which is a Hispanic practice of re-enacting the search for room for Mary and Joseph as they hurry to prepare for the birth of Christ. St. Nicholas' Day. Putting out a nativity, and instead of that crazy elf, have Mary and Joseph travel around the house to the nativity scene and then have the three kings travel around the house to the nativity scene, or place it all out at once to commemorate the fullness of the nativity scene. Commemorate the feast of St. Lucy with saffron buns or cinnamon rolls. Attend confession as a family. Lessons and Carols here next weekend with QU and our parish. The O antiphons. Putting candles in our windows to show our waiting for the coming of the Lord. Keeping Christmas at bay to remind us of this time of preparation. Christmas is a season, and it doesn't begin until Christmas Day. Then should begin the festivities. I am not a staunch no Christmas anything, but I am saying quit letting it creep earlier and earlier where we then end ON Christmas when that is the day to BEGIN Christmas. Use this time of preparation for the coming of the Christ child.

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# Weekday Mass Intentions

Nov. 28 Monday	6:30 a.m.	Bernadette Kalafatitich			
Nov. 29	6:30 a.m.	Fr. Tom Shaughnessy and Louis & Joanna Venegoni			
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Michael Klaus			
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Nov. 30	6:30 a.m.	Barbara Mayfield			
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Marilyn Burgtorf			
Dec. 1	6:30 a.m.	Al Dempsey			
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Marilyn Burgtorf			
Dec. 2 Friday	6:30 a.m.	Barbara Mayfield			
Dec. 3	8:00 a.m.	Mass of Thanksgiving & Patricia Bockenfeld-Meado			
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	Ken & Joyce Goehl			
	7:00 a.m.	Pete & Betty Harman; Dr. Terrance Klingele and family			
Dec. 4 Sunday	9:00 a.m.	The Parishioners of St. Francis			
	11:00 a.m.	Mary Georgann Oppi & Gerald Vogel			

Evening Prayer Every Sunday

Come join us in praying Evening Prayer every Sunday at 6:30 in the Friars Choir to the left of the sanctuary. This 15-minute prayer is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, the daily prayer of the Church that marks the hours of the day and sanctifies the day with prayer. It is a beautiful, ancient prayer of the Church and we all are encouraged to participate. All materials and instruction are provided. Hope to see you there!

The Parish is invited to join in

A Service of Nine Lessons
and Carols with the

Quincy University Choirs Sun.,

December 4 from 3-4 p.m. in

St. Francis Church. This holiday
tradition involves Christmas
songs and music interwoven
with scripture. Light
refreshments will follow the
program. It's a great way to kick
off the season of Advent.

This week in the Parish: Monday, Nov. 28 6:30 a.m. Mass 3:30 p.m. QU Choir Practice 6:00 p.m. Adoration 6:00 p.m. Cyberbullying program 6:00 p.m. PSR 7:00 p.m. Rosary Tuesday, Nov. 29 6:30 a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m. Ladies of St. Francis Quilting 3:30 p.m. QU Choir Practice 5:30 p.m. Mass Wednesday, Nov. 30 6:30 a.m. Mass 4:00 p.m. Adoration 5:30 p.m. Mass 6:00 p.m. Ladies of St. Francis Christmas Party 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Men's Prayer Group Thursday, Dec. 1 6:30 a.m. Mass 3:30 p.m. QU Choir Practice 5:30 p.m. Mass 6:00 p.m. RCIA 6:30 p.m. Troop 22 Scout Meeting Friday, Dec. 2 1:00 p.m. QU Choir Practice Saturday, Dec. 3 8:00 a.m. Mass 8:30 a.m. Reconciliation 9:00 a.m. St. Francis Holiday Bazaar 3:00 p.m. Reconciliation 4:30 p.m. Mass

Rest in Peace

Kent Humphrey
Aug. 27, 1962—Nov. 12, 2022

Rosemary Hinkamper
Oct, 2, 1938—Nov. 12, 2022

Weekly Collection Update							
	Week of	Weekly		Fiscal Year Totals to date			
	11/20/22	Budget Goal	Difference		Totals	Budget Goal	Difference
Regular/E-Giving/ACSA Tithe	\$15,808.50	\$ 26,600.00	\$ (\$10,791.50)	Regular/E-Giving/ACSA Tithe	\$480,527.69	\$558,600.00	\$ (78,072.31)
Loose Collection	\$1,122.50	\$ 1,220.00	\$(97.50)	Loose Collection	\$27,560.54	\$25,620.00	\$ 1,940.54
Annual School Fund	\$564.50	\$ 3,440.00	\$(2,875.50)	Annual School Fund	\$46,251.97	\$72,240.00	\$ (25,988.03)
Total	\$ 17,495.50	\$ 31,260.00	\$(13,764.50)	Total Capital Campaign	\$554,340.20 \$66,990.05	\$656,460.00	\$ (102,119.80)

### **Parish Directory**

Work is underway on our directory. We currently are collecting photos from various committees and ministries. We also are in need of family or individual photos from those who didn't have a picture taken through church. We have decided on a **November 30 deadline** for all of the above-mentioned photos in order to get the directory out as soon as possible. Please drop family photos into this link: stfrancissolanus.com/share-photo. If you have any questions please contact Vicky Mitchell, 217-242-9798 or Sarah Venvertloh, 217-577-6490.

All school-age children are invited to come make Christmas cards or write letters to our parishioners in nursing homes or assisted living facilities, Thurs, December 1 from 6-8 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Materials will be provided and you can drop in at any time. Share the joy of the Christmas season with others!

Advent wreaths and candles will be for sale from the Liturgy Committee after all Masses this weekend. Also on sale will be cemetery cones, saddles and wreaths.

The committee also is looking for individuals or families to light the Advent wreath at the start of each Mass. If you could volunteer please contact
Jayna Klauser, 217-653-1639
or klauser3@yahoo.com.

The St. Francis Bazaar is coming up

December 3. Donations are being accepted
for homemade baked goods and baskets.

There also will be a Precious Moments Booth
with all proceeds going to St. Francis Church.
The bazaar is Sat., December 3 from
9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Parish Center. For
more information or to make a donation
contact Angel Miranda at 217-316-0038
or angelmiranda1123@qmail.com.

### Holiday cards for priests and seminarians



If you would like to send a holiday greeting to priests who served at St. Francis, or a seminarian from our diocese, here are their addresses:

<u>Fr. Duc Pham, OFM:</u> Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 1530 Union St., Indianapolis, IN. 46225

<u>Fr. More Torres, OFM:</u> San Jose Friary, 701\_E. Pyron Dr., San Antonio, TX. 78214-2798

<u>Fr. Kurt Hartrich, OFM & Fr. Don Blaeser, OFM,</u> St. Peter Catholic Church, 110 W. Madison, Chicago, IL.

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Br Ed Arambasich, OFM, St. John the Baptist, 3508 Bankview Dr., Joliet, IL. 60431
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Sam Doellman, Bishop Simon Brute College,
2500 Cold Spring Rd., Indianapolis, IN., 46222
Logan Klitzing & Alex McCullough, St. Meinrad, 200 Hill Dr., St. Meinrad, IN., 47577

Kade Zanger, Our Lady of Guadalupe, P.O. Box 147, Denton, NE., 68339.

### **Holy Name News**

Next meeting is Wed., December 13 at 6 p.m. Holy Name will be selling holiday fruit baskets again this year. Cost is \$20. Get your order in early by calling or texting 217-440-0875. All proceeds go to the food pantry.

### **Knights of Columbus News**

The Big Raffle Jackpot is up to \$44,319. Tickets on sale Thursday nights from 6-7:45. Drawing at 8 p.m.

Friday Night All You Can Eat Chicken Dinners. Serving from 5-7 p.m. Adults \$13; children 12 and under \$6; under 5 eats free. Sunday morning breakfast is back, first Sunday of the month only, 8:30-noon; \$12, children \$6.

### Christmas cards for Parishioners in Nursing Homes

Good Samaritan Home: Jeanette Bohne,
Kathleen "Kitty" Bueter, Phyllis Hemm,
Ruth Hoebing, Phyllis Lymenstull, Elaine Martin,
Donna Milgrim, Norma Obert, Jean Powers,
Joyce Weiss, Bengta "Bink" Wiemelt.
Illinois Veterans Home: Tom Gott, Leo Luttrell,
Thompson Poore, Donna Rischar,
Ronald Whittaker.

### **Quincy Healthcare and Senior Living:**

Barbara Mitchell, Judith Schmitz.

<u>Sunset Home:</u> Jack Cosgrove, Ann Harness, Michael Mason, Bernice Walz, Janet Waterkotte.

<u>The Arbors at Adams Pointe:</u> Stan Bartley, Jean Frericks, Barbara Kaiser, Marvin Russell. <u>Cedarhurst:</u> Margaret Andrews, Margherita Schutte, Marjorie Spoonmore.

### Rushville Nursing & Rehab Center:

Dorothy Huber.

There will be a bin in the back of church and one in the Parish Center to drop off the cards. In each card please sign your name and indicate you're from St. Francis church. Put the resident's name and nursing home on the outside of the envelope. DO NOT SEAL THE ENVELOPE. **Deadline to drop off the cards is**Mon., December 12. Please call Susan Mast, 217-222-5345, or smast@slpsd.com, if you know of anyone from our parish who is not on the list.

From the Funeral Luncheon committee: A big thank you to all who made desserts when asked, and we give thanks for the workers who prepare the food for this important ministry.

### Ladies of St. Francis News:

All ladies are invited to the Christmas Dinner Meeting Wed., November 30, starting with Mass at 5:30. Ham and delicious sides will be served at 6:30. The QND choir will perform and there will be a surprise visitor! Please call Jan Zeilder, 217-779-0290 by Mon., November 28 to make a reservation. Cost is \$10. Wear your favorite holiday attire, if you'd like! Since some of our ladies don't drive at night, offer them a ride, if possible, so they can attend. Please bring a non-perishable food item to the meeting for our food pantry.

### Advent Collection to Benefit the Food Pantry

If you are looking for a good way to prepare for Christmas this Advent season, we have a suggestion: Each day add a grocery item to a bag or box and on Christmas Eve donate the items to our Food Pantry. Bags with this list can be found at the entrances to church. Below are some ideas for items that are most needed:

Dec. 1	Box of cereal	Dec. 13	Pancake mix
Dec. 2	Peanut butter	Dec. 14	Can spaghetti sauce
Dec. 3	Macaroni and cheese	Dec. 15	Spaghetti
Dec. 4	Canned tuna	Dec. 16	Pork & beans
Dec. 5	Simple crackers	Dec. 17	Canned soup
Dec. 6	Can of mixed fruit	Dec. 18	Applesauce
Dec. 7	Can of corn	Dec. 19	Syrup
Dec. 8	Can of green beans	Dec. 20	Jelly
Dec. 9	Hamburger helper	Dec. 21	Dish soap
Dec. 10	Instant potatoes	Dec. 22	Toothpaste
Dec. 11	Canned chicken	Dec. 23	Bar Soap
Dec. 12	Tuna helper	Dec. 24	Toilet paper



### **Upcoming Events**

Christmas Card Making and letter writing to parish members in nursing homes and assisted living, Thurs., December 1, 6:30-8 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Scholastic Book Fair December 5-9.

### **Help Wanted**

### Afternoon child care supervisor

3-5:30 p.m. Must be at least 21 years old. We have a good team of child care workers, mostly QU students.

For more details contact

Principal Julie Radel
at jradel@stfrancissolanus.com.

Cyberbullying Presentation — This Monday, November 28
the Illinois Attorney General's Office is presenting a
program on this important topic for parents/guardians at
6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Students in grades 5-8 will
attend a session during the school day presented by the
same group. Others, who have attended similar
presentations from the Illinois Attorney General's Cyber
Crimes Unit, have said the program was very interesting
and informative.

If you would like to help shape the future of Catholic elementary education in Quincy, please consider joining a board being formed for this purpose. We need two representatives from St. Francis parish who are practicing Catholics, but not employed at one of the Catholic elementary schools. They will join representatives from the three other school parishes plus QND and the Quincy Catholic Elementary School Foundation. You will be part of a voting board, with input and a voice. You may submit a regular resume plus a letter of application by Wed., November 30 to: feedback@quincycatholicschools.org. Please contact Fr. Arisman at the parish office to indicate your interest.

All 6-12th graders (SFSS and PSR) are invited to a production of A Christmas Carol at the Repertory Theatre in St. Louis, Sun., December 11 at 1 p.m., followed by evening Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. Rides will be provided and leave St. Francis at 10 a.m. A permission slip is required. For more information contact Youth Minister Jake Terry, 217-779-3939.

Dec. 3-4	Altar Server - Weekend	Communion Minister	Usher	Reader	Greeter/Gift Bearer	
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Reese Meehan Collin Meehan	Barbara Girouard Carla Slough Marsha Collins Helen Zimmerman	Mark F. Dietrich Tom Liesen Russell Rohrer Jim Kaiser Michael Eling Dick Mitchell	Joleen Patton	Betty Kaufmann Tom Ennis <b>Gift Bearer</b> Jane Dietrich	
Sunday 7:00 a.m.	Anthony Alonzo Philomena Alonzo	Paulette Freiburg Carolyn Briddle Sue Winking Gary Winking	Joyce Frericks Kevin Frericks James Terwelp Paul Eling John Beckman Janet Marquette	Elizabeth Alonzo	Jerry Meyer Emilie Venvertloh <b>Gift Bearer</b> Bruce & Amanda Venvertloh	
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Lia Henrichs Madilynn Henrichs	Kristy Henrichs Marty Steinkoenig Ann Betts Linda Burke	Diann Cole Melissa Arnold Rich Zeidler Gary Darnell Troy Hummel Rob Haistings	Steve McMillen	Kay Gallaher Jeannie Thomas <b>Gift Bearer</b> Gabriel & Kelly Wheeler	
Sunday 11:00 a.m.	Riley Sparks Kylie Sparks	Ted Meyer Michelle Meyer Michael Wand Christy Woodward	2 Needed Please John McDowell Adam Hightower Drew Erwin Steve Obert	Karen Steinkamp	Margaret Steinbrecher Brenda Wand <b>Gift Bearer</b> Randy Zecchel	
Saturday Morning Mass Server Dec.		Dec. 3, 8:00 a.m.	Whitney Ormond and Allison Ormond			



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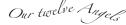
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